

Remarks/Arguments

In response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2006, please consider the following remarks. The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for conducting the telephone interview of February 21, 2007. In that interview, the December 21, 2007 Office Action rejecting claims 1, 4, 7-15, 17-19 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §101 and claims 1, 4, 7-15, and 17-24 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2 were discussed.

In the Office Action issued December 21, 2006, claims 1, 4, 7-15, 17-19 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claims 1, 4, 7-15, and 17-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2 as being incomplete for omitting essential elements. Claims 1, 4, and 7-24 are now pending in this application.

Claims 1, 20 and 21 have been amended in response to the rejection of claims 1, 4, 7-15 and 17-24 under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claims 1, 20 and 21 now clearly set forth the tangible results produced by the computer-implemented method, computer program product and system according to the present invention. These claims now recite that a query is received and in response to the query certain steps are implemented that determine whether or not objects will be provided to a result set of objects that satisfy a positional relationship. The rejection is believed to be overcome and withdrawal is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 20 and 21 were also amended in response to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2 to more particularly point out the subject matter that the

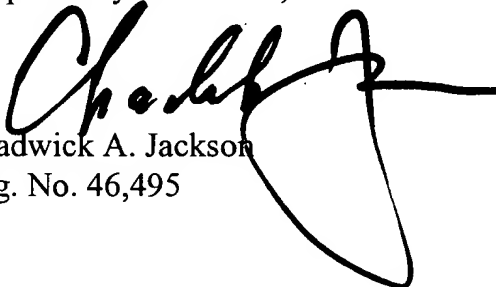
inventor considers to be the invention. Claims 1, 20, and 21 now recite the step that is taken if the first object does not fulfill the positional relationship. The rejection is believed to be overcome and withdrawal is respectfully requested.

Each of the claims now pending in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Additional Fees:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 19-5127 (19111.0037).

Respectfully Submitted,


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